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Letter dated 20 July 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On behalf of the European Union and the acceding countries Austria, Finland, Norway and Sweden, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a declaration issued on 20 July 1994 by the European Union and the acceding countries Austria, Finland, Norway and Sweden on the detention of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi of Myanmar, the Nobel Peace Prize laureate.

I should be grateful if you could have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 104 (c) of the preliminary list, and of the Economic and Social Council, under agenda item 5 (d).

(Signed) Gerhard HENZE

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ANNEX

Statement issued on 20 July 1994 by the European Union, Austria, Finland, Norway and Sweden on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's detention

The European Union and the acceding countries Austria, Finland, Sweden and Norway view with great concern the continued detention of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, the Nobel Peace Prize laureate, who has been detained under house arrest in Myanmar since 1989, in flagrant contradiction of all principles of justice. July 20 1994 marks the fifth anniversary of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's detention. It is unacceptable that there is still no sign of her release.

On the occasion of the anniversary of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's detention, the European Union and the acceding countries Austria, Finland, Norway and Sweden call upon the State Law and Order Restoration Council (SLORC) immediately to start serious and meaningful discussions with the representatives of the democratic forces of Myanmar. In the view of the European Union and the acceding countries Austria, Finland, Norway and Sweden, dialogue with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi would open the way for national reconciliation which would, in turn, enable SLORC to lift the restrictions imposed on her and allow Daw Aung San Suu Kyi to participate in the political process in Myanmar.